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5 October 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
THROUGH: Deputy Director/Intelligence
SUBJECT: Proposal for the Dissemination of Unclassified
CIA Research Publications to Academic
Institutions and Research Centers

A. Problem

To provide non-governmental research organizations and individual scholars with some of the results of current CIA analyses of the Sino-Soviet Bloc economies in order to assist such organizations and scholars in their examination of problems of national security interest.

B. Background

When you met with the Senior Economic Advisory Panel on 11 September 1959, some of the members of that Panel, particularly [REDACTED] pointed out how useful it would be if that part of the academic community which is directing its attention to problems pertaining to the Sino-Soviet Bloc could make use of some of the products of the comprehensive economic research and analysis

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undertaken within the Agency. There was a general feeling that declassified versions of some of the important studies recently completed or under way could be prepared without detracting seriously from their usefulness.

C. Discussion

1. We have determined that certain of our economic reports that fall within the scope of this proposal can be easily sanitized and can be published in unclassified form. We suggest in the first instance the following ORR reports, all of which are classified CONFIDENTIAL at present:

- a. The Economy of Communist China, 1958-62,
(publication pending).
- b. Problems and Trends in the Economy of Poland,
CIA/RR 59-7, March 1959.
- c. The 1959 Soviet Budget, CIA/RR IM 59-12, July 1959.

ORR would continue to examine current and future reports for the purpose of selecting particularly appropriate studies for sanitization and unclassified publication for use in the proposed program of dissemination.

Possible future suggestions might include such studies as The Economic Effects of Rent Policies in Poland, CIA/RR 59-33, August 1959; Ideological Determinants of Soviet Trade with the Non-Communist World, CIA/RR 59-23, June 1959; and Economic Aspects of Communist China's

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Communes, CIA/RR 59-29, August 1959.

2. Not only do we believe that the dissemination of reports of this type will be of substantial assistance to scholars, but we also feel that such action will benefit the Agency in its relationships with the academic community, particularly if such publications carry the imprint of the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. It is suggested that research reports issued as a result of this proposal be distributed in the first instance to a list of scholars and research institutions selected by ORR as having an interest in studies of this nature. It is further suggested that additional distribution within academic and other research institutions be undertaken by OO field officers. A third possibility for expanding the dissemination of such reports would be to make use of the mailing list maintained by the External Research Staff of the Department of State. The Office of Security would review the list of recipients to insure the exclusion of undesirable organizations.

D. Conclusion

That it is in the interests of the Agency and our national security to disseminate to a selected group of institutions and scholars some of the Agency's economic research studies which, when published in unclassified form, will clearly be of direct interest and assistance to the recipients.

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E. Action Recommended

That approval be given for this program which will then be initiated by the issuance in unclassified form, with the imprint of the Central Intelligence Agency, of the first three reports listed in paragraph C.1., and by distribution of these reports to a select group of recipients as described in paragraph C.3..

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